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1. WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR PAULS HAS APPROACHED ME HERE AND I UNDERSTAND

GERMAN AMBASSADOR TOKYO HAS MADE SIMILAR APPROACH TO SECURE MEDICAL CARE AT A U.S. FACILITY IN JAPAN FOR FRG EMBASSY MINISTER HEINRICH ROHREKE. ROHREKE, WHO FORMERLY WAS MINISTER AT FRG EMBASSY TOKYO, SUFFERED WHAT APPEARED TO BE MILD STROKE WHILE VISITING JAPAN IN EARLY DECEMBER. HE RETURNED TO PEKING FIVE OR SIX DAYS LATER, BUT AFTER A WEEK COMPLICATIONS DEVELOPED AND HE HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED HERE SINCE JANUARY 1. EMBASSY DESCRIBES CONDITION AS "BAD" WITH POSSIBLE "BRAIN COMPLICATIONS" AND DIFFICULTIES WITH HEART AND KIDNEYS. WIFE OF GERMAN FIRST SECRETARY ELIAS WHO IS MEDICAL DOCTOR IS ASSISTING CHINESE ON CASE AND PREPARING REPORT TO BE SENT TO TOKYO.

2. FRG EMBASSY COUNSELOR INDICATED GERMANS EQUALLY CONCERNED ABOUT ROHREKE'S PSYCHOLOGICAL STATE. ROHREKE'S FATHER DIED IN CHINA UNDER TRAGIC CIRCUMSTANCES AND HE IS BECOMING CONVINCED THAT SAME FATE  
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AWAITS HIM. HE IS EXTREMELY ANXIOUS TO GET OUT OF PEKING TO

MEDICAL FACILITIES IN WHICH HE HAS CONFIDENCE. FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH,  
EMBASSY COUNSELOR NOTED THAT ROHREKE'S MOTHER WAS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.

3. AMBASSADOR PAULS INDICATED TO ME THAT EARLIEST ROHREKE WOULD BE  
ABLE TO TRAVEL WOULD BE ABOUT ONE WEEK. IF USE OF U.S. MEDICAL  
FACILITIES IN JAPAN APPROVED HE WOULD TRAVEL VIA COMMERCIAL  
AIRCRAFT AND FRG DOUBTLESSLY WOULD ASSUME ALL EXPENSES INVOLVED  
IN CARE.

4. WHILE I AM FULLY CONSCIOUS OF SEVERE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON  
USE OF U.S. MILITARY FACILITIES FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS (REFS A AND B),  
I STRONGLY URGE DEPARTMENT TO GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO THIS  
REQUEST. GERMANS HERE ARE CONVINCED THAT ROHREKE CANNOT OBTAIN  
ADEQUATE MEDICAL CARE IN PEKING AND HAVE INDICATED TO US THAT AN OFFER

OF U.S. ASSISTANCE WOULD BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO HIS  
PSYCHOLOGICAL STATE. USLO HAS EXTREMELY CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE  
FRG EMBASSY HERE AND FROM AMBASSADOR PAULS ON DOWN. THE EMBASSY  
IS AN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF INFORMATION AND HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL  
IN PROVIDING BACKGROUND BRIEFINGS ON VISITING GERMAN  
DELEGATIONS AND ON OBSERVATIONS BY EMBASSY STAFF MEMBERS WHILE  
TRAVELLING IN CHINA. IN ADDITION, DR. ELIAS HAS BEEN MOST  
COOPERATIVE IN OFFERING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO USLO DEPENDENTS ON A  
PRIVATE BASIS. IN MY JUDGMENT, U.S. ASSISTANCE IN THIS CASE WOULD  
PROVIDE IMPORTANT BENEFITS IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH BOTH THE FRG  
EMBASSY HERE AND IN TOKYO. I AM SURE THAT THIS EXPRESSION OF  
SOLIDARITY WITH OUR NATO ALLY WOULD ALSO BE GREATLY APPRECIATED  
BY THE FRG IN BONN. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.  
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